CLAIMS

1. A method of coating metal tubing comprising the steps of:

(1) applying an epoxy coating containing epoxy paint and plastic particles onto an outer surface of a metal tubing; and

(2) curing said coating on said metal tubing.

2. A method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said coating is applied to said tubing in a paint bath.

3. A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein a substrate is applied to said metal tubing prior to being covered by said epoxy coating.

4. A method as recited in Claim 1, wherein said plastic particles are nylon.

5. A method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said plastic particles have an average size of less than 50 micron.

6. A method as recited in Claim 5, wherein said plastic particles have an average size of less than 25 micron.

7. A method as set forth in Claim 1, wherein said coating includes about 20% by weight of said plastic particles.

8. A tube comprising:

an underlying metal tubing; and

an outer epoxy coating, said outer epoxy coating plastic particles mixed into an epoxy paint.

9. A tube as set forth in Claim 8, wherein an intermediate substrate layer is placed between said metal tubing and said coating.

10. A tube as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said plastic particles have an average particle size of less than 50 micron.

11. A tube as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said plastic particles have an average size of less than 25 micron.

12. A tube as set forth in Claim 8, wherein said plastic particles are formed of a nylon.